

## AMENDMENT FORM

### Suggestion for amendment of Article : 42 (Title IX)

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### Art 42

Add :

**3. In developing such special relationships the Union shall make full use of the Council of Europe and other international organisations of which such States are members.**

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### Explanation (if any) :

This paragraph would complement a more **general provision** to be inserted **either in Title IX or elsewhere in the Constitutional Treaty**, based on the present Art. 303 but extended to the Union, which would read **“The Union shall establish and maintain close cooperation with the Council of Europe, the details of which shall be determined by common accord”**.

The States in Central and Eastern Europe which are singled out in the Commission's communication “Wider Europe-New Neighbourhood” which is at present examined by the EU Council (Russia, Ukraine, Moldova) are all members of the Council of Europe and Belarus which has applied for membership of the organisation will be able to join once it fulfils the democratic criteria for membership. The Union and the Council of Europe share the same basic values and both promote good neighbourliness characterised by close and peaceful relations based on cooperation.

